GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2005
REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is reviewing the developmental works being undertaken under the `Bharat Nirman Yojana` as reported in the Hindi daily Rashtriya Sahara dated July 1, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether this Yojana is likely to be completed by 2009;

(d) whether the amount spent so far on the Yojana has been estimated;

(e) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(f) the percentage of the works done by the concerned ministries under the Yojana;

(g) whether the Government has also approved an investment plan of Rs. 1,74,000 crore for the renewal of rural infrastructure under the Bharat Nirman Yojana;

(h) if so, the details of the projects likely to be undertaken thereunder alongwith the plans worked out for implementation of the projects; and

(i) the role of State/Central Government therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to
(i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 55 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTAL WORK UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA BY PROF MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR & SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA FOR ANSWER ON 27.7.2005.

(a) & (b): Yes sir. The formulation of `Bharat Nirman` which was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech in the Union Budget 2005-06, is being guided by the Committee on Rural Infrastructure.

(c): Bharat Nirman is a 4 year programme which is scheduled to be completed by 2008- 09. However, while the rural roads programme would need one more year, the programme of rural electrification would extend till the end of the Eleventh Plan. Rural telephone connection is proposed to be completed in 3 years.

(d) to (f): `Bharat Nirman` as a time-bound plan has been launched only in the current year (2005-06) and therefore at this point of time no estimates can be made of the amounts spent or the percentage of works completed.

(g) to
(i): Yes sir. The total investment requirement for the various components of Bharat Nirman has been estimated to be about Rs.1,74,000 crore. The physical targets sought to be achieved are as follows:

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Irrigation   :  To create one crore ha. additional irrigation.

Rural drinking water  : To provide potable drinking to 55067 uncovered
    habitations (as per revised assessment), slipped
    back habitations, quality affected habitations and
    rural schools.
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Rural roads : To connect all villages that have a population of 1000 (or 500 in hilly tribal areas) with road.

Rural Housing : To construct 60 lakh additional houses for the poor.

Rural electrification : To reach electricity to remaining 1,25,000 villages and offer electricity connection to 2.3 cr. households.

Rural telephone connectivity : To give telephone connectivity to remaining 66822 villages.

The additional fund requirements will be met through an appropriate mix of budgetary support, external aid, market borrowing and beneficiary contribution (in some cases).

The State governments will be required to provide counterpart funding in the state budget for the budget support from the Centre and also fully involve Panchayati Raj Institutions in the planning and implementation of the programme.